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BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.*BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *May 24, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 24, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Causes of death: *Ascaris lumbricoides*, 1; enteritis, 1; diarrhea, 1, and debility, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 22, steamship *Managua*, crew, 16; passengers from this port, 6; passengers in transit, 2; baggage disinfected, 7 pieces. May 23, steamship *Breakwater*, crew, 35; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, 17; baggage disinfected, 4 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

*Inspection of immigrants at Quebec and Halifax.*QUEBEC, CANADA, *May 24, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 24 there were inspected 559 immigrants; passed, 548; detained, 11. * * *

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*QUEBEC, CANADA, *June 2, 1902*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 31, there were inspected 487 immigrants; passed, 477; detained, 10. * * * During the week ended May 31, there were inspected at the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, 69 immigrants; passed, 68; detained, 1. * * *

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—Plague and cholera.*HONGKONG, CHINA, *April 28, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended April 26, 1902. Six vessels were inspected, 636 individuals were bathed at the disin-

fecting station, and 745 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected. The returns from the sanitary board show that the following communicable diseases were reported during the week, viz, 5 cases of plague and 4 deaths, 25 cases of cholera and 24 deaths, 3 cases of smallpox and 1 death, and 1 case of diphtheria. The total cases of plague reported thus far this year are, therefore, 20. For the corresponding week last year there were 65 cases reported. Of the cholera cases reported 1 was an European passenger who arrived from Manila aboard the steamship *Rubi*, April 22. He was taken ill the night of April 24 and sent to the hospital the following morning. A case of cholera was discovered aboard this steamer just prior to sailing for Manila, April 24, and at our request the vessel was held in quarantine to complete a period of five days, disinfection of the vessel being done at once. The usual disinfection of the crew was carried out directly after the case occurred. Thus far no other cases have developed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Cholera and plague disappearing at Canton, but raging at Fatsan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1902.

SIR: For the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, I have the honor to advise you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram from the consul of the United States at Canton, China, which reads as follows: "Cholera plague Canton disappearing, raging Fatsan."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

COLOMBIA.

Weekly reports of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, May 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 19, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, no cases, 1 death; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing diseases, malarial. The 1 death recorded "from other causes" was the result of gunshot wounds. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 13, steamship *Holstein*, crew, 24; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 14, steamship *Harald*, crew, 19; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 2. May 17, steamship *Mount Vernon*, crew, 21; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected,